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**PATENT APPLICATION**  
Attorney Docket No. 21535-009

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant(s) : Gerhard Beckmann, *et al.*  
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For : METHODS AND APPARATUSES FOR MANAGING  
FLUIDS IN A FUEL CELL SYSTEM

May 12, 2004  
New York, New York

Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## **PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants hereby petitions for a one-month (1) extension of time to respond to the March 12, 2004 Office Action in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before May 12, 2004. A check in the amount of \$55.00 in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1), is enclosed herewith.

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Respectfully submitted,

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